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# Selectmen's Report

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## INVENTORY APRIL 1, 1914

Land and Buildings,	\$294,420 00	
Horses, 93,	13,900 00	
Oxen, 2,	250 00	
Cows, 208,	10,440 00	
Other neat stock, 14,	430 00	
Sheep, 1,	3 00	
Hogs, 12,	270 00	
Fowls, 200,	100 00	
Automobiles, 5,	1,800 00	
Portable mills, 1,	700 00	
Wood and lumber,	21,300 00	
Stocks in banks and corporations,	8,550 00	
Money on hand and at interest,	16,720 00	
Mills and machinery,	7,600 00	
Water power privilege,	15,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$391,483 00
Exempt to soldiers,		625 00
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		\$390,858 00

## STATEMENT

Total taxable inventory,	\$390,858 00
Rate per cent.,	90
Polls, 87 at two dollars each,	174 00
Amount committed to collector,	3,691 86



## RAISED AND APPROPRIATED

Schools,	\$1,355 00
State tax,	824 00
County tax,	483 60
Library,	70 00
Cement bridge,	600 00
Fire extinguishers,	42 00
State aid road,	604 50
State aid maintenance,	25 00
Town highways,	347 65
Spraying trees on highway,	157 00

## SALARIES

Isaac N. Center, Town Clerk,	\$ 12 00
Frederick L. Center, Treasurer,	10 00
Arthur S. Campbell, Selectmen and Assessor,	28 00
Ira D. Ford, Selectman and Assessor,	25 00
Clinton E. Leach, Selectman and Assessor,	20 00
John J. Carney, Supervisor,	6 00
E. O. Putnam, Supervisor,	5 00
W. R. Shepherd, Supervisor,	4 00
Walter E. McQuesten, Moderator,	9 00
Amos Saunders, for School Officers,	30 00
C. Herbert Chase, Ballot Clerk, two meetings,	4 00
John A. Wilson, Ballot Clerk, one and a half meetings,	3 00

John A. Reid, Ballot Clerk, one meeting,	2 00	
W. C. Haight, Ballot Clerk, one meeting,	2 00	
J. W. Hopwood, Ballot Clerk, one-half meeting,	1 00	
John J. Carney, Auditor,	1 00	
Herbert C. Leach, Auditor,	1 00	
Chas. W. Barnes, Collector, balance of salary for 1913,	15 00	
Chas. W. Barnes, Collector, part of salary for 1914,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$198 00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Amount appropriated,	\$1,577 14
Amount available for Road Agents,	347 65
Paid Fred McQuesten, Mar. 4, snow bill,	41 28
Moses B. Ford, Mar. 9, snow bill,	22 20
Nashua Building Co., cement bridge,	600 00
Geo. C. Danforth, Road Agent,	170 00
Fred McQuesten, Road Agent,	165 00

## STATE HIGHWAY

## STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT

State Contribution,	\$640 25
Town Contribution,	728 91
Total Joint Fund,	<u>\$1,369 16</u>
State disbursements,	\$ 59 83
Town disbursements, approved,	1,259 76
Total disbursements,	<u>\$1,319 59</u>
Paid by State to Town, Oct. 30,	\$150 00
Nov. 13,	100 00
Nov. 25,	100 00
Dec. 11,	211 46
Balance in State Treasury,	18 96
Balance in Town Treasury,	30 61
Total unexpended balance,	<u>\$49 57</u>

## STATEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

State Contribution,	\$118 58
Town Contribution,	195 14
Total Maintenance Fund,	<u>\$313 72</u>
State disbursements,	6 72
Town disbursements,	44 95
Balance in State Treasury,	111 86
Balance in Town Treasury,	155 36

S. PERCY HOOKER,

State Superintendent of Highways.



## TOWN LIBRARY

Appropriated,	\$70 00
Paid Rev. John P. Newell, Library Trustee,	70 00

## SCHOOLS

Appropriated,	\$1,355 00
Paid Amos Saunders, Treasurer,	1,100 00

## ABATEMENTS

Louis Gagnon, Jr., (not to be found)		
poll tax, 1913,	\$	75
Norbert Moreau, (paid in Nashua)		
poll tax, 1914,		2 00
David R. Leach, (two cows) 1913,		56
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	\$3	31

## SUNDRY BILLS

Paid John B. Clark Co., printing		
town reports,	\$	21 00
Clinton E. Leach, shingles		
and work on town house,	53	40
James W. Hopwood, spray-		
ing trees on highway,	157	00
N. S. Hoagland, six fire ex-		
tinguishers,	42	00
Edwin F. Jones, Attorney's		
fees, Hudson and Nashua		
vs. Litchfield,	125	86

Geo. N. Andrews, insurance on town house,	24 00
Clinton E. Leach, detaining two runaway boys, tele- phoning, transportation, etc., lumber and making sign boards,	5 80 6 50
Fessender & Lowell, seven posts for road signs,	1 40
J. E. Bassett, painting and lettering road signs,	10 50
Cummings Bros., lag screws and making 26 irons for road signs,	2 85
A. S. Campbell, cartage, set- ting sign posts and put- ting up road signs,	5 50
Tax Collector's book,	35
three lots town warrants, express on bundle from Concord,	45 50
freight on fire extinguishers, car fare on town business,	75 2 70
telephoning,	45
postage,	2 46
stationery,	50
aid to travelers,	60
Ira D. Ford, aid to travelers,	1 35
Isaac N. Center, 100 packages soda for fire extinguishers,	2 00

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 \$467 92

## HUDSON BRIDGE CASE

## HUDSON AND NASHUA VS. LITCHFIELD

Edwin F. Jones, attorney, services and expense,		\$203 86
Credited by cost collected from Hudson,	\$39 00	
Credited by cost collected from Nashua,	39 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 00
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		\$125 86

## RECEIPTS

Rec'd from State, Insurance	
tax,	\$ 20 25
Railroad tax,	19 72
Savings Bank	
tax,	877 19
Literary fund,	31 02
Highway de-	
partment,	561 46
J. W. Hopwood	
nomination fee,	2 00
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Paid Town Treasurer,	\$1,511 64
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## EXPENDITURES

State tax,	\$ 824 00
County tax,	483 60
Schools,	1,100 00



Library,	70 00	
Salaries,	198 00	
Sundry bills,	467 92	
Town highways,	398 48	
Building cement bridge,	600 00	
State aid highway,	1,259 76	
State aid maintenance,	44 95	
Abatements	3 31	
	<hr/>	\$5,450 02

ARTHUR S. CAMPBELL,  
 IRA D. FORD,  
 CLINTON E. LEACH,  
 Selectmen of Litchfield.

Litchfield, N. H., Feb. 24, 1915.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing reports and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

JOHN J. CARNEY,  
 HERBERT C. LEACH,  
 Auditors.

# Treasurer's Report

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Cash in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1914,	\$2,204 48	
Rec'd of C. W. Barnes, Collector,		
1913 tax,	329 56	
C. W. Barnes. Collector,		
1914 tax,	3,273 62	
State highway department,	561 46	
Primary fee,	2 00	
State Treasurer :		
Insurance tax,	20 25	
Railroad tax,	19 72	
Savings Bank tax,	877 19	
Literary fund,	31 02	
Town Clerk, dog		
licenses,	30 00	
Interest on Savings		
Bank,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,369 30
Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$5,450 02	
Cash in Treasury,	1,919 28	
	<hr/>	\$7,369 30

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK L. CENTER,  
Treasurer.

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HERBERT C. LEACH,  
Auditors.



# Road Agents' Report

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## FRED McQUESTEN, ROAD AGENT

Received from Town of Litchfield,		\$165 00
Paid Paul Dyer,	\$ 5 00	
Peter Jacobs,	4 50	
William Annis,	3 00	
F. S. Bancroft,	1 50	
Carl Patten,	4 50	
C. H. Chase,	8 00	
A. Gay, Akron pipe,	19 50	
One bag cement,	60	
Arthur D. Leach,	21 00	
Fred McQuesten,	97 40	
		<hr/> \$165 00

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Auditors.

## GEORGE C. DANFORTH, ROAD AGENT

Received from Town of Litchfield,		\$170 00
Paid G. C. Danforth,	\$ 39 75	
Louis Gagnon,	1 75	

Geo. L. Bourdon, team,	12 00	
Hermon Woods, cutting brush,	3 90	
W. R. Shepherd,	11 93	
Moses B. Ford,	2 00	
M. M. Campbell,	10 65	
A. S. Campbell,	12 65	
F. L. Center, work and gravel,	12 30	
Ira D. Ford, work and gravel,	17 62	
Clifton E. Willete,	16 00	
North East Culvert Co., pipe,	19 60	
G. L. Danforth,	8 75	
J. H. Tolles & Co., plank,	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$170 00

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JOHN J. CARNEY,  
HERBERT C. LEACH,  
Auditors.

# Library Report

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The Trustees of the Public Library hereby submit their twenty-third annual report.

It is worth much to the people of any town to have the free use of a well selected library, and the town of Litchfield shows its appreciation of this fact by cheerfully making an appropriation, year by year, for the support of its Public Library, which is alike enjoyed by old and young. It is especially desirable that our young people, early in life, may cultivate a taste for reading, not only the best works of fiction, but also the more substantial works of history, biography and science. It is the intention of the trustees to purchase, during the year, a goodly number of these books of a higher grade, and the proceeds of the Kennard fund will enable them to do this.

The Ladies' Social Circle, with their usual generosity, have recently appropriated twenty-five dollars for the purchase of books for the library, together with the Century Magazine; and public spirited individuals have donated books and magazines, as will be seen by the librarian's report. As our library is growing, in the near future a larger room will be required for its accommodation. We are under renewed obligations to Mrs. Grace G. Saunders for the free use of the room in her house.

The branch library which was established three years ago at the lower end of the town, has been discontinued,



Mrs. Mark Campbell desiring to be relieved from the further care of the books.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. NEWELL,

For the Trustees.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY

The Treasurer of the Public Library hereby submits his annual report.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1914,	\$ 47 78	
Received from Town,	70 00	
From the John Kennard fund,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$127 78
 Paid for boxes for book,	\$ 2 68	
Books,	49 59	
Salary of Librarian,	26 00	
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1915,	49 51	
	<hr/>	\$127 78

J. P. NEWELL,

Treasurer.

## SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE

February 15, 1914—February 15, 1915

Abbott, Elinor Hallowell, Little Eve Ed-	
garton,	F 1799
Adams, Samuel Hopkins, The Clarion,	F 1789
Allen, Abel Leighton, The Message of New	
Thought,	R 1831
Antin, Mary, They Who Knock at Our Gates,	M 1765
Bacon, Josephine Daskam, To-Day's Daughter,	F 1791
Barclay, Florence L., The Wall of Partition,	F 1766
Bennett, Arnold, Your United States,	M 1785
Bishop, Joseph Bucklin, The Panama Gateway,	M 1821
Bosher, Kate Langley, How It Happened,	F 1820
Burnham, Clara Louise, The Right Track,	F 1833
Burnett, Frances Hodgson, Emily Fox-Seton,	F 1763
T. Tembaron,	F 1803
Cabot, Dr. Richard C., What Men Live By,	M 1832
Carey, Rosa N., Herb of Grace,	F 1834
Clarke, Helen A., Hawthorne's Country,	T 1813
Chambers, Robert W., The Hidden Children,	F 1772
Comstock, Harriet T., The Place Beyond the	
Winds,	F 1892
Corner, Ralph, The Patrol of the Sun Dance	
Trail,	F 1776
Cooke, Marjorie Benton, Bambi,	F 1777
Dalrymple, Leone, Diane of the Green Van,	F 1762
Daviess, Maria Thompson, Phyllis,	J 1848

Eastman, Charles A., Indian Scout Talks,	J 1782
Eastman, Elaine Goodale, Yellow Star,	J 1819
Eddy, Mary Baker, Science and Health,	R 1851
Miscellaneous Writings,	R 1852
Retrospection and Intro- spection,	R 1853
The First Church of Christ, Scientist,	R 1854
No and Yes,	R 1855
Unity of Good,	R 1856
Pulpit and Press,	R 1857
Christian Science versus Pantheism,	R 1858
Christian Healing,	R 1859
Rudimental Divine Science,	R 1860
Erskine, Payne, The Mountain Girl,	F 1835
Fisher, Dorothy Canfield, The Montessori Mother,	E 1861
Ford, Paul Leicester, The True George Washington,	B. 1827
Galsworthy, John, The Dark Flower,	F 1862
Gale, Zona, Neighborhood Stories,	F 1802
Grey, Zane, The Lone Star Ranger,	F 1801
Haskin, Frederick J., The American Govern- ment,	H 1836
Hawkes, Ellison, The Boys' Book of Astron- omy,	S 1807
Holland, Rupert S., Historic Poems and Bal- lads,	D 1824
Boyhoods,	B 1822
Inventions,	H 1823



Hillis, Newell Dwight, The Quest of Happiness,	L 1812
Johnston, Mary, The Witch,	F 1775
Leblanc, Georgette, The Girl Who Found the Blue-Bird,	B 1784
Leblanc, Georgette, The Choice of Life,	F 1800
Lincoln, Joseph C., Kent Knowles: Quahaug,	F 1867
Lincoln, Joseph C., Captain Dan's Daughter,	F 1760
Lippman, Julia M., Martha By the Day,	F 1768
Making Over Martha,	F 1769
Martha and Cupid,	F 1839
Mabie, Hamilton Wright, Heroes Every Child Should Know,	B 1814
Mabie, Hamilton Wright, Heroines,	B 1815
Marsh, John B., Life and Adventures of Robin Hood,	J 1795
Martin, George Madden, Selina,	F 1793
Mason, A. E. W., At the Villa Rose,	F 1796
McCall, Sydney, Ariadne of Allen Water,	F 1761
McCutcheon, George Barr, The Prince of Graustark,	F 1773
Miller, Lewis B., Saddles and Lariats,	J 1774
Montessori, Maria, The Montessori Method,	E 1764
Muir, John, The Yosemite,	S 1804
Munsterberg, Margarete, Red Poppies,	F 1806
National Magazine Co., Heart Throbs,	D 1793
Nichelson, Meredith, A Hoosier Chronicle,	F 1825
Norris, Kathleen, Saturday's Child,	F 1776
Norris Kathleen, Mother,	F 1797

Page, Thomas Nelson, Robert E. Lee, Man and Soldier,	B 1826
Parker, Gilbert, You Never Know Your Luck,	F 1838
Peck, Theodora. White Dawn,	F 1798
Peterson, Maud Howard, The Commodore,	F 1786
Pierce, General Franklin, Dedication of Statue,	B 1863
Price, Overton W., The Land We Live In,	S 1811
Pryse, James M., The Apocalypse Unsealed,	M 1849
Quint, Wilder Dwight, The Story of Dartmouth,	H 1839
Richmond, Grace S., Strawberry Acres,	F 1787
Richmond, Grace S., The Twenty-fourth of June,	F 1788
Riis, Jacob A., Neighbors,	M 1829
Roe, Edward P., He Fell in Love with His Wife,	F 1830
Roosevelt, Theodore, Through the Brazilian Wilderness,	T 1828
Schultz, J. W., My Life as an Indian,	B 1816
On the Warpath,	T 1817
The Quest of the Fish Dog Skin,	F 1818
Servis, Garret P., Astronomy with the Naked Eye,	S 1808
Stanley, Caroline Abbott, The Modern Madonna,	F 1794
Stevenson, Robert Lewis, Poems and Ballads,	D 1840
Street, Julian, Abroad at Home,	T 1841
Tarkington, Booth, Penrod,	J 1809
Tarkington, Booth, The Turmoil,	F 1810

Tomlinson, Everett T., Four Boys of the Yellowstone,	J 1780
Pike's Peak,	J 1771
The Young Sharpshooters at Antietam,	J 1781
Thomas, Augustus, Arizono,	F 1805
Turnbull, Margaret, Looking After Sandy,	F 1770
Van Dyke, Henry, Poems of,	D 1842
Van Vorst, Marie, Big Tremaine,	F 1779
Verrill, Alpheus Hyatt, Harper's Book for Young Naturalists,	S 1843
Ward, Mrs. Humphry, Delia Blanchflower,	F 1844
Wason, Robert Alexander, Friar Tuck,	F 1845
Webster, Kimball, History of Hudson, N. H.,	H 1758
Whitney, Caspar, The Flowing Road,	T 1846
Wiley, Harvey, The Lure of the Land,	A 1847
Wright, Harold Bell, That Printer of Udell's,	F 1759
Wright, Harold Bell, The Eyes of the World,	F 1790
Wilbur, Sibyl, Life of Mary Baker Eddy,	B 1850

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Dedication of a Statue of General Franklin Pierce,	H 1863
New Hampshire Annual Reports, Vol. 1, 1911,	1864
2, 1911,	1865
1, 1911- 1912,	1866
2,	1867
3,	1868
4,	1869
1, 1913,	1870
2, 1913,	1871



Journals N. H. Senate and House, 1909,	1872
Journals N. H. Senate and House, 1911,	1873
Journal N. H. Senate, January Session, 1913,	1874
Journal of the Constitutional Convention, 1912,	1875
Eight Annual Report of the Secretary of State, 1914,	1876
State Papers, Volume XXX,	1877
XXXI,	1878
XXXII,	1879
Probate Records, 1718-1740,	1880
Laws of New Hampshire, Volume 1,	1881
Laws of New Hampshire, Volume 2,	1882
Revolutionary Documents,	1883
New Hampshire Reports, Riedell, Volume IX, 1911-1913,	1884
Report of the State Board of License Commi- sioners, 1914,	1885

## DONATIONS

The Century,	Ladies' Social Circle
McClures,	Rev. J. P. Newell
Review of Reviews,	
Woman's Home Companion,	Mrs. S. G. Saunders
The Country Gentleman,	Mr. A. G. Hutchins
Harper's	Mrs. F. H. McQuesten
Twenty-five Volumes,	Ladies' Social Circle
Eleven Volumes,	Mary Baker Eddy Fund

Total number of Volumes,		1,885
Purchased by Trustees,	70	
Presented by Ladies' Social Circle,	24	
Fund established by Mary Baker Eddy,	11	
State of New Hampshire,	23	
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Added during the year,	128	
Loaned by Branch Library,		232
Magazines,		32
Loaned by Librarian,		412

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE F. CENTER,

Librarian.

## Report of the School Board

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It is again time to submit the yearly report. Through the spring term Miss Florence Center and Miss Taylor was in charge of the school the same as last year but at the end of the school year Miss Taylor resigned and Miss Beulah Ruggles was engaged for this year, and has charge of all lessons including music and drawing.

The exercises, speaking and songs at the closing of the spring term were well enjoyed by the few visitors present. We are pleased to note that there were more present at the Christmas exercises, and as it looks as though the parents were taking more interest in the work of teacher and children. Each part in the program was well rendered and showed good work both on the part of teacher and pupils. There has been some repairs on schoolhouse and shed during the year, also a spring near by stoned up and covered giving a supply of good water near at hand which was much needed.

We are obliged to ask for money needed for tuitions and supplies.

Therefore we ask for

Tuitions,	\$250 00
Text books and supplies,	50 00
School flag,	5 00

DELLA SHEPHERD,  
MARGARET A. LEACH,  
JOHN A. REID.

## SCHOOL REPORT

TEACHERS	No. of School.	No. of Weeks.	Wages per Month.	No. of Scholars.	Per cent. of Attendance.	No. of Visitors.	No. of Visits of School Board.
Florence Center.	2	12	\$40	31	92.99	10	7
Beulah G. Ruggles.	2	15	56	30	95	36	9
Beulah G. Ruggles.	2	11	56	28			

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Parker E. Fisher,  
 Henry Shepherd,  
 Margaret Fisher,  
 Helen Reid,  
 Clara Reid,

} For One Term.

Ralph Wilson,

} For Two Terms.



## REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

## RECEIPTS

Cash in Treasury Feb. 15, 1914,	\$183 20	
Received of Town Treasurer,	1100 00	
		<hr/> \$1283 20

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid School Board's orders:

Miss E. F. Taylor, teacher of drawing,	\$ 41 54
Florence Center, teaching,	120 00
Beulah G. Ruggles, teaching,	266 00
Transportation of pupils,	283 00
School supplies and clock,	63 51
Fuel, telephone and postage,	16 65
Janitor work,	29 00
Cleaning school rooms,	9 80
Repairing School House	54 97
Insuring School Building,	20 00
Hudson School District,	34 00

## TUITIONS

Nashua High School, year end- ing June 7, 1914,	80 00	
McGaw Normal Institute,	135 00	
Pinkerton Academy,	11 00	
		<hr/> \$1164 47
Cash in treasury,		118 73
Due from town,		1296 45

AMOS SAUNDERS, Treasurer.

Litchfield, N. H., Feb. 24, 1915.

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JOHN J. CARNEY,                     }  
HERBERT C. LEACH,                } Auditors.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914

Date of Birth	Christian Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 29	Jennie Eyvonne Collier	F	L	5	James H. Collier	Ida Martel	Laborer	Michigan	Canada
Jan. 23	Marion Mildred Ford	F	L	6	Ira D. Ford	Delia McCue	Farmer	Lowell, Mass.	Ireland
Mar. 23	Lewis Center Goffe	M	L	1	George C. Goffe	Lizzie M. Center	Real Estate	Bedford	Litchfield
Aug. 24	Warren Elmer Marshall	M	L	1	Paul H. Marshall	Marcia May Barnes	Wh. Grocery	Nashua	Litchfield
Oct. 14	Allen Woodrow Wilson	M	L	4	John A. Wilson	Gertrude Dunbar	Mill Hand	P. E. Island	Manchester
Feb. 4	*Nancy Parker Crowell	F	L	1	Walter A. Crowell	Bertha J. Griffin	Farmer	Manchester	Litchfield
Aug. 14	*Arnold Crowell Campbell	M	L	2	Roy H. Campbell	Bertha E. Crowell	Farmer	Litchfield	Manchester
Dec. 30	Leon Farley Hopwood	M	L	1	James N. Hopwood	Ethel M. Farley	Carpenter	Nashua	Merrimack

\*Born at Nashua.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914

Date 1914	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Occupation	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	By Whom Married
Feb. 25	Merrimack	James N. Hopwood Ethel Mae Farley	Litchfield Merrimack	23 22	Carpenter Teacher	Nashua Merrimack	James Hopwood Mary C. Whittemore Leonard Farley	Harvey A. Platts Clergyman
Aug. 26	Nashua	Theodore R. Garten Martha E. Putnam	Litchfield Litchfield	25 18	Teamster At home	Davis, Mass. Litchfield	Hattie G. Junkins Ephraim Garten Salome Peaton Elbert O. Putnam Maud E. Putnam	William J. Harris Clergyman

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914

Date 1914	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Cond'n		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days		Sex	Single or Otherwise				
June 19	Litchfield	Almira Blaney	89			Hebron	F	M	At home	— — — Chandler	Lucinda Caldwell	Old Age, Pic Shock
Aug. 11	Litchfield	Lucrertia Bixby	60			Litchfield	F	S	At home	Edward Bixby	Gettrude Dunbar	Apoplexy
Oct. 15	Litchfield	Allen W. Wilson				Litchfield	M	S	Infant	John A. Wilson		

## BROUGHT TO LITCHFIELD FOR INTERMENT.

June 4	Manchester	Irene G. Blodgett	5	11	11	Manchester	F	S	Infant	Ern'st P. Blodgett	Rebecca Grant	Asthenia
Aug. 31	Canterbury	George N. Piper	64	11	12	Meredith	M	M	Farmer			Fatty Deg. of Heart

I certify that the above is a true copy of record of Births, Deaths and Marriages reported to the Town Clerk of Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1914.

ISAAC N. CENTER, *Town Clerk.*



## REPORT STATE TAX COMMISSION, 1914,

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### INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission of guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government; and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislators and magistrates \* \* \* to countenance and inculcate the principles of \* \* \* economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business and the yare responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property in is the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow, therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent. and all other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was

\$5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was \$8,765,039.07, an increase of \$3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was \$924,388.79, or 17 per cent, greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was \$2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent. greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent., the other increased only about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:

1904.....	\$ 34,459.91
1905.....	286,590.14
1906.....	115,468.39
1907.....	411,257.46
1908.....	76,612.89
1909.....	539,995.97
1910.....	787,565.31
1911.....	215,848.50
1912.....	296,216.85
1913.....	627,603.43

The average increase for the whole period was \$336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was \$184,877.76

for the last five years it was \$493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the *per capita* standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed \$12.88 in taxes for each man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed \$14.75 for each individual, and in five years more \$20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of \$100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like \$100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children, his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.







